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To establish programs in the Department of Justice and in the Department of Homeland Security to help States that have high rates of homicide and other violent crime, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2011

Mr. PIERLUISI (for himself, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mr. QUIGLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Law Enforce-
5 ment Recruitment and Retention Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) CREATION OF PROGRAM.—The Attorney General
8 shall establish a program within the Department of Jus-

1 tice to recruit and assign individuals for authorized Fed-
2 eral law enforcement and security positions, and retain in-
3 dividuals in those positions, in States that have experi-
4 enced a high rate of homicides and other violent crimes.

5 (b) FEDERAL COORDINATOR.—The Attorney General
6 shall designate an official within the Department of Jus-
7 tice to be the Federal coordinator of the program estab-
8 lished under this section.

9 (c) DUTIES OF COORDINATOR.—The Federal coordi-
10 nator appointed under this section shall—

11 (1) consult with the chief executive of, and with
12 law enforcement agencies in, States that have expe-
13 rienced a high rate of homicides and other violent
14 crimes to determine how additional Federal per-
15 sonnel can help address the State’s needs in this
16 area; and

17 (2) coordinate the implementation of the pro-
18 gram established under this section.

19 **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM.**

20 (a) CREATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of the
21 Department of Homeland Security shall establish a pro-
22 gram within the Department of Homeland Security to re-
23 cruit and assign individuals for authorized Federal law en-
24 forcement and security positions, and retain individuals in

1 those positions, in States that have experienced a high rate
2 of homicides and other violent crimes.

3 (b) FEDERAL COORDINATOR.—The Secretary of the
4 Department of Homeland Security shall designate an offi-
5 cial within the Department of Homeland Security to be
6 the Federal coordinator of the program established under
7 this section.

8 (c) DUTIES OF COORDINATOR.—The Federal coordi-
9 nator appointed under this section shall—

10 (1) consult with the chief executive of, and with
11 law enforcement agencies in, States that have expe-
12 rienced a high rate of homicides and other violent
13 crimes to determine how additional Federal per-
14 sonnel can help address the State’s needs in this
15 area; and

16 (2) coordinate the implementation of the pro-
17 gram established under this section.

18 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION OF “STATE”.**

19 In this Act, the term “State” means any State of the
20 United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the
21 United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, or
22 the Northern Mariana Islands.

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